

EASTERN AND WESTERN BASEBALL TEAMS WILL CLASH NEXT WEEK

Question of Whether Eastern or Western Teams Are the Stronger Will Then Be Decided; All American League Teams Will Be Playing in West and All National League Clubs Will Be Engaged in the East.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Before another week shall have passed by, we will have a more or less accurate line on how the east compares with the west in the two big leagues this year. The clubs just now are completing the first portion of their schedules, in which they clash with teams in their own half of the circuit, and the second half, which brings forth the initial inter-sectional clashes of the year, lies just ahead.

The opening battles between east and west will be fought Sunday when Washington invades Detroit and Philadelphia visits Cleveland for Sunday games that should draw out big attendance in both these American league towns. Immediately after these games the Senators and Athletics will engage each other in the extreme western ends of the circuit, the former to play in Chicago and the latter in St. Louis on Tuesday. The Boston and New York clubs, after their game here on Monday, will steer westward, the Red Sox to open in Detroit and the Yankees in Cleveland the next day. Thus the full set of inter-sectional clashes will be under way on Tuesday with this arrangement: Washington in Chicago, Philadelphia in St. Louis, New York in Cleveland and Boston in Detroit.

This year the National league has no preliminary skirmishes between such sections as those two in the American. The inter-sectional conflicts in the older organization will begin in a bunch on Tuesday with St. Louis in Boston, Chicago in Brooklyn, Cincinnati in New York and Pittsburgh in Philadelphia. Thus while the American league's action is provided entirely in the west, all the National league teams will be playing in the east.

Regarding the Reds, there are many persons in the east who regard the good showing of the Reds to date as more or less of a fluke. They can't see the Reds at all. They have been used to regarding Cincinnati as a tall order and keep on regarding it as such, not realizing the difference between this Cincinnati team and ones that have gone before. The spirit to date, which has had the Reds in second place about four-fifths of the time since the season began, is just one of those early season flashes that mean nothing, according to the ideas of these old line critics.

Dismissing the Reds into the several phases of their play, we are able to point out a number of things in their favor, if the judgment of such capable eye witnesses as Jack Ryder and Bob Newhall is to be respected. Ryder declares, first of all, that little Heinie Groh is the third baseman the Reds have had since Harry Steinfield, while Newhall says Groh is the best third baseman playing the game today. This includes hitting, base running, fielding, thinking, pepper—everything. Charley Henge, the gingerly manager, is such a capable shortstop that a needs little comment. Ivan Olson is twice as good as the Ivan Olson of Cleveland last year, in their opinion, and Mollie is among the three or four leading first basemen of the league. If these Cincinnati writers, who have had a chance to see, are not hating away below their average, then the Reds have a pretty considerable infield.

Leach is headoff man.

Tommy Leach, the veteran from the

Cubs who used to be the outfield standby of the Pittsburgh Pirates in his earlier days, has made Cincinnati strong in the outer works. The Chicago club made a fearful mistake last winter when it released him unconditionally, thereby letting Herzog fasten his talons on Thomas. Leach, acting as lead-off man, has proved a great success. He has lost only a fraction of his former speed and retains all his own cunning as well as the acuteness of his batting eye. Playing in center field, he has acted as a steady influence on the other two fly chasers. Red Kilgus, the comeback who was with Washington four years ago, and Griffith, who was obtained by trade from the Boston Braves. These three have been hitting the ball viciously as well as handling the garden assignments.

Has Winning Pitchers. Herzog has sent a rapidly number of winning pitchers to the firing line already and says he has still others in reserve. Rube Benton heads the list. Ed Reuland came him a close second. Dutch Schneider also is revealing quantities of stuff and control. One of the most pleasing developments in Herzog's mound staff, though, is the great work flashed by young King Lear, who was the star of the Princeton university nine two years ago. If they get an even break in luck, they are certain now to do as well as the fifth place for which we picked them at the start, and perhaps better. If luck breaks for them to any appreciable degree, there is no telling what heights they may attain. So be forewarned if they should land one, two, three.

COMMERCIAL CLUB BUYS MESA BALL PARK; WILL FORM TEAM

Mesa, Ariz., May 8.—The Mesa Commercial club now owns the Mesa baseball park, together with all the paraphernalia of the game. The club bought the property at sheriff's sale and at their last meeting the directors decided to elect from among their number a manager for another strong local team. For several months the Mesa Commercial club has been in financial difficulties. Manager Julius Langowski expected to square up everything with the proceeds of the game between the Mesa and Chicago White Sox, played in Phoenix. The fund raised was not sufficient and attachments were filed by creditors. A sheriff's sale was the result.

SCHMIDT WINS FROM MUEHLER AT GOLF. Oakland, Calif., May 8.—Henrich Schmidt, of the Claremont Country Club, won first honors in the Panama-Pacific exposition handicap amateur golf tournament on the Claremont links, Friday, by defeating A. M. Muehl, of the Midwick Country Club, Pasadena, 3 up and 2 to play.

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BASEBALL RESULTS FRIDAY'S GAMES

STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS.

Rio Grande Association.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
Albuquerque	2	2	.500	100-100
Phoenix	2	2	.500	100-100
Las Cruces	2	2	.500	100-100
Tucson	2	2	.500	100-100
Douglas	2	2	.500	100-100

National League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
Philadelphia	12	6	.667	594-432
Chicago	12	6	.667	594-432
Boston	12	6	.667	594-432
Cincinnati	12	6	.667	594-432
St. Louis	12	6	.667	594-432
Pittsburgh	12	6	.667	594-432
New York	12	6	.667	594-432
Brooklyn	12	6	.667	594-432

American League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
Detroit	12	6	.667	594-432
New York	12	6	.667	594-432
Chicago	12	6	.667	594-432
Boston	12	6	.667	594-432
Cincinnati	12	6	.667	594-432
St. Louis	12	6	.667	594-432
Pittsburgh	12	6	.667	594-432
New York	12	6	.667	594-432

Texas League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
Galveston	12	6	.667	594-432
Fort Worth	12	6	.667	594-432
Dallas	12	6	.667	594-432
Houston	12	6	.667	594-432
Shreveport	12	6	.667	594-432
Beaumont	12	6	.667	594-432
San Antonio	12	6	.667	594-432

Western League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
Denver	12	6	.667	594-432
Omaha	12	6	.667	594-432
Des Moines	12	6	.667	594-432
Wichita	12	6	.667	594-432
St. Paul	12	6	.667	594-432
Sioux City	12	6	.667	594-432
Lincoln	12	6	.667	594-432

Pacific Coast League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
Los Angeles	12	6	.667	594-432
Salt Lake City	12	6	.667	594-432
San Francisco	12	6	.667	594-432
Yakima	12	6	.667	594-432
Portland	12	6	.667	594-432
Oakland	12	6	.667	594-432

American Association.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
Indianapolis	12	6	.667	594-432
Milwaukee	12	6	.667	594-432
Louisville	12	6	.667	594-432
St. Paul	12	6	.667	594-432
Cleveland	12	6	.667	594-432
Kansas City	12	6	.667	594-432
Minneapolis	12	6	.667	594-432
Columbus	12	6	.667	594-432

Southern Association.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
New Orleans	12	6	.667	594-432
Nashville	12	6	.667	594-432
Birmingham	12	6	.667	594-432
Chattanooga	12	6	.667	594-432
Memphis	12	6	.667	594-432
Atlanta	12	6	.667	594-432
Mobile	12	6	.667	594-432
Little Rock	12	6	.667	594-432

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
Washington	12	6	.667	594-432
Philadelphia	12	6	.667	594-432
Batteries: Washington, Bentley, Hopper, Harper and Henry; Philadelphia, Shawkey and Schang.				
At New York				
Boston	12	6	.667	594-432
Batteries: Boston, Leonard and Thomas; New York, Caldwell and Nunn.				
At St. Louis				
Detroit	12	6	.667	594-432
Batteries: Detroit, Coale and Baker; St. Louis, Hamilton, Hoch and Agnew.				

Games Postponed.

Chicago at Cleveland, wet grounds.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
At Boston				
New York	12	6	.667	594-432
Batteries: New York, Schupp, Fromme, Ritter and Meyers; Boston, Rudolph, Ragan and Gowdy.				
At St. Louis				
St. Louis	12	6	.667	594-432
Batteries: St. Louis, Donk, Griner and Snyder; Pittsburgh, McQuillan and Schang.				
At Chicago				
Cincinnati	12	6	.667	594-432
Batteries: Cincinnati, Boston, Ames and Clarke; Chicago, Vaughn, Hum-				

PRINCETON FOOTBALL MEN

PLAY, THEN WATCH MOVIES

Princeton, N. J., May 8.—Moving pictures of the Princeton football team in actual scrimmages for the assistance of the coaches were introduced here by head coach Rush today.

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WILLARD MAY FIGHT COFFEY

Performances of Coffey Appropriate to Make Him Most Eligible for Battle.

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and tackle the best men over there. Negotiations are about closed between Kearns and Snowy Baker, the Australian promoter, whereby the party will sail in June for the latter part of this month for Sydney. Kearns is getting a guarantee for Murray and Watson and it is likely that Ray Temple, the former Milwaukee lightweight, and Joe Bonds, the Tacoma heavyweight, will be taken along. Murray has proved ability by fighting Chubby McGorty, Chis, Gibbons and the best of the middleweights, and it will take all they possess to beat him over the marathon route.

Watson has shown plenty of class, especially in his fight with Freddy Welsh at London, and he should do well "down under." Bonds is the heavy weight whom Jim Corbett has touted so highly and he really looks good. In a workout here the other day Bonds showed that he has plenty of class, and from a few real tryouts he has also demonstrated that he can take the gaff. Tompkins is a very clever lad, and would have been among the top-notchers today had he taken better care of himself and trained properly for matches. Another boy who is going to Australia in Young Gradwell, the New York welterweight, who has been meeting the best of the east can boast that with the boys already there and the bunch following, America will be well represented abroad.

Coffey Annist Willard.

Jim Coffey, the New York heavyweight, seems to be the fighter who is being groomed for a try at the title with Jess Willard when the big fellow comes down the coast to the entire field. Frank Moran, the Pittsburgh heavy, who fought Jack Johnson 26 rounds in Paris last year, may also figure as a contender, but from the looks of things now it points toward Coffey. The latter is being guided by Billy Gibson, the New York promoter, and his defeat of Carl Morris decisively stamps him as a heavyweight worthy a lot of consideration. Coffey scaled 200 lbs. in training in October, but the compact build of the Irishman was like a statue against the mountainous Morris. The ability of Morris to take punishment was remarkable, and it showed, too, that Coffey is the possessor of a hard left in either hand. The man who can beat Coffey will be the next man to get a crack at Willard for the world's championship.

Saylor to Fight Welch.

Milburn Saylor, the Indianapolis lightweight, is going to have a chance to prove his claim of victory over Freddy Welsh at Vinny in October, 1915, when the bout was given to Welsh on an alleged foul in the ninth round; while manager Ray Brownson and Saylor claimed it was a clean knockout and even secured a statement from the referee to the effect that he was not positive about it. At any rate it went on record as a win for Welsh and it will be up to the Housler boy to prove now whether he is the master of the ring. Saylor was 39 rounds instead of ten there might be more occasion for joy on the part of Milburn's friends, but at the half-way mark Saylor will have to travel at a fast clip to beat the champion. Saylor, however, carries the wallop necessary to put an opponent to sleep and if he can turn such a trick when they clash in Indianapolis, May 23, the night before the big automobile classic on the Speedway, he will be grabbing off a fortune much easier than did Jess Willard.

With Eddie McGorty, the Wisconsin middleweight, on his way to Australia for another tour of that country, there will be one less contender for the Sanjour title. The 135 pound class of America, McGorty, along with Mike Gibbons, Jack Dillon and George Chip, is considered by critics and fans alike to have a splendid chance of beating Jimmy Chubby, who, until he loses over the marathon route in a championship battle, is looked upon as the American title holder, although many consider Mike Gibbons his superior right now. McGorty will have three big matches booked on his arrival in Sydney with Jeff Smith of New York, Mick King and Les Darcy, the latter two of Australia. McGorty defeated Smith when he was in Australia a year ago, but the papers claimed a draw should have been rendered. Both King and Darcy are improving and Eddie may have a harder time with the two newcomers than he imagines.

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